

WEST LAFAYETTE TRAFFIC COMMISSION
WEST LAFAYETTE CITY BUILDING
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2010

PLACE: Lower Level Conference Room

PRESENT:	Dave Buck	Chris Leroux
	Vicki Burch	Karen O'Farrell
	Eric Chin	Chris Pekny
	David Christian	Larry Preo
	David Downey	Kumares Sinha
	Carrie Ehresman	Boudewijn van Gelder
	Jim Knapp	Larry Wood

VISITORS:	Beth Cook	John Thomas
	Wendy Field	Mike Thompson
	Ann Hunt	Bob Troyer
	Brian Pohlar	Cory Whitesell

Chairman Sinha brought the meeting to order and determined there was a quorum. Mr. van Gelder requested the following corrections be made to item 09-25 of the November minutes: "...making mail delivery impossible on **many** days." and "USPS recommends **fifteen** feet of mailbox..." Ms. Burch made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Christian seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected. Captain Leroux made a motion to nominate Kumares Sinha as chairman. Mr. Wood seconded and Dr. Sinha was unanimously selected to serve as chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

08-03 Safe Routes to School

Cory Whitesell, representing Hannum, Wagle & Cline, presented the Safe Routes to School Master Plan. Mr. Whitesell stated the goal of the program is to increase the number of students that walk and ride their bikes to school, and to make it safer for kids to ride their bikes and walk to school. The benefits of SRTS include exercise, safety, road sense, socializing, environment and easy breathing. Barriers to an effective SRTS program are adequate infrastructure facilities (sidewalks and crosswalks), cultural barriers, and safety concerns. Mr. Whitesell presented several strategies to overcome these barriers. These strategies were divided into four themes: education, enforcement, encouragement and engineering. Some of the strategies discussed were walking school buses, constructing new sidewalks, a self-produced walking/bicycling safety campaign, and traffic calming measures.

Mr. Whitesell stated that two goals for the next six months are to organize a spring walk/bike event and to establish a permanent committee to continue the SRTS effort. Mr. Buck said there is \$20,000 left in grant money which can be used for the kick-off.

Ms. O'Farrell made a motion to endorse the Safe Routes to School plan. Ms. Burch seconded and the SRTS Master Plan was unanimously endorsed.

08-05 Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossings

A mid-block crossing presentation, prepared by the Purdue University Police Department, was provided to the commission. This presentation was originally prepared for residents of the neighborhood bordered by Russell, Waldron and University streets. Three mid-block crossings were installed in this neighborhood in the fall of 2009, and residents were invited to view the presentation as a way to educate themselves regarding pedestrian safety. Councilor Hunt provided the presentation to the commission so members would be more aware of the laws which govern pedestrians in the right of way.

NEXT MEETING: 5:00 pm, Tuesday, February 23, 2010, Lower Level Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.M. Buck", written in a cursive style.

David M. Buck, P.E.
City Engineer

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